

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of determining a field-weighted score for a document having multiple fields relative to a query having a plurality of query terms, the computer-implemented method comprising:

determining fields of the document, wherein each field includes a contextual section of the document based on the document structure;

determining a field weight for each of the determined fields, wherein the field weight corresponds to a number of times for replicating the content of each of the determined fields;

replicating the content of each of the determined fields the number of times indicated by the field weight for each of the determined fields, wherein the replicated content of each field is concatenated into a field set for each of the determined fields;

combining each concatenated field set for each field of the document to generate a virtual document including each concatenated field set for each field of the document;

indexing the virtual document to produce virtual document statistics; and

causing a processor of a computing device to compute ~~computing~~ the field-weighted score from the virtual document index based on the query.

2. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the query is associated with a search and the field-weighted score represents a level of relevance of the document to the query.

3. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein each field weight is represented by an integer value and the replicating operation comprises:

generating each field set to include a number of copies of a field of the document, wherein the number of copies equals the integer value.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the combining operation comprises:

concatenating each field set into the virtual document.

6. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein the computing operation comprises:

computing a field-weighted document weight for each query term in the query from the virtual document statistics.

7. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 wherein causing the processor of the computing device to compute the field-weighted score from the virtual document index based on the query ~~the computing operation~~ comprises:

computing a field-weighted document weight for each query term in the query from the virtual document statistics; and

computing the field-weighted score based on the field-weighted document weight for each query term.

8. (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1 further comprising:

ranking the field-weighted score with field-weighted scores of other documents.

9. (Previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium having computer executable instructions for determining a field-weighted score for a document having multiple fields relative to a query having a plurality of query terms, the instructions comprising:

determining fields of the document, wherein each field includes a contextual section of the document based on the document structure;

determining a field weight for each of the determined fields, wherein the field weight corresponds to a number of times for replicating the content of each of the determined fields;

replicating the content of each of the determined fields the number of times indicated by the field weight for each of the determined fields, wherein the replicated content of each field is concatenated into a field set for each of the determined fields;

combining each concatenated field set for each field of the document to generate a virtual document including each concatenated field set for each field of the document;

indexing the virtual document to produce a virtual document statistics; and

computing the field-weighted score from the virtual document index based on the query.

10. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage of claim 9 wherein the query is associated with a search and the field-weighted score represents a level of relevance of the document to the query.

11. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage of claim 9 wherein each field weight is represented by an integer value and the replicating operation comprises:

generating each field set to include a number of copies of a field of the document, wherein the number of copies equals the integer value.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9 wherein the combining operation comprises:

concatenating each field set into the virtual document.

14. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9 wherein the computing operation comprises:

computing a field-weighted document weight for each query term in the query from the virtual document statistics.

15. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9 wherein the computing operation comprises:

computing a field-weighted document weight for each query term in the query from the virtual document statistics; and

computing the field-weighted score based on the field-weighted document weight for each query term.

16. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9 further comprising:

ranking the field-weighted score with field-weighted scores of other documents.

17.-51. (Cancelled)

52. (New) A system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory having computer-executable instructions stored thereon, wherein the computer-executable instructions are configured for:

determining fields of the document, wherein each field includes a contextual section of the document based on the document structure;

determining a field weight for each of the determined fields, wherein the field weight corresponds to a number of times for replicating the content of each of the determined fields;

replicating the content of each of the determined fields the number of times indicated by the field weight for each of the determined fields, wherein the replicated content of each field is concatenated into a field set for each of the determined fields;

combining each concatenated field set for each field of the document to generate a virtual document including each concatenated field set for each field of the document;

indexing the virtual document to produce a virtual document statistics; and  
computing the field-weighted score from the virtual document index based on the query.

53. (New) The system of claim 52 wherein the query is associated with a search and the field-weighted score represents a level of relevance of the document to the query.

54. (New) The system of claim 52 wherein each field weight is represented by an integer value and the replicating operation comprises:

generating each field set to include a number of copies of a field of the document, wherein the number of copies equals the integer value.

55. (New) The system of claim 52 wherein the combining operation comprises: concatenating each field set into the virtual document.

56. (New) The system of claim 52 wherein the computing operation comprises: computing a field-weighted document weight for each query term in the query from the virtual document statistics.

57. (New) The system of claim 52 wherein the computing operation comprises: computing a field-weighted document weight for each query term in the query from the virtual document statistics; and computing the field-weighted score based on the field-weighted document weight for each query term.

58. (New) The system of claim 52 further comprising: ranking the field-weighted score with field-weighted scores of other documents.